

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-42 are pending. Claims 1-42 are unchanged.

### **Double Patenting Rejections**

Claims 1-42 of the present application stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 8, 10, and 11 in Applicants' prior U.S. Patent No. 6,538,577 (the "'577 Patent").

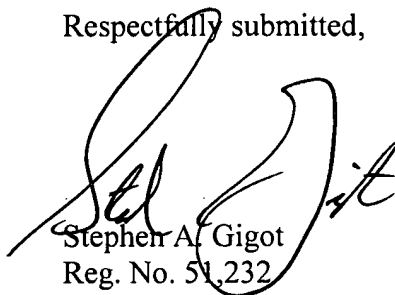
In order to further prosecution of the present application, without admitting that the '577 Patent encompasses the same subject matter as the present application, and without admitting that the subject matter of the rejected claims is obvious over the '577 Patent, a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(a) has been filed with the present Amendment to overcome these rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 1-42 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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